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1. Ed Saunders inquired as to whether or not Records Center personnel being transferred to the [REDACTED] should be transferred to unvouchered funds. I told him that they should in view of the fact that all other personnel on the T/O of the Center were paid from unvouchered funds and these people were no different.

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2. Discussed with Ed briefly the acquisition of land occupied by Agency components [REDACTED]. The Department of Defense is in the process of acquiring a substantial amount of land there. I agreed with him that we should ride along with the Department of Defense in lieu of going after authority from the Congress separately. Ed anticipates that the total in which the Agency would be interested is about 900 acres and that the price would be about \$287,000. I told him that if we had adequate money available at the end of the Fiscal Year, which seems likely, I thought we should reimburse the Department of Defense for expenses incurred on our behalf and in this way protect our rights.....the Department of Defense would have greater difficulty in kicking us out later if they had such an idea.

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3. I authorized [REDACTED] to approve of a slight increase in the personnel ceiling for Project [REDACTED] provided there were no nonconcurrences.

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4. I asked Larry Houston to review [REDACTED] study on the "re-examination of CIA reimbursement practices" and to be prepared to discuss it with Ed Saunders and me later this week. I have advised [REDACTED] that we would be prepared to discuss it on the 24th.

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5. Kirk buzzed me to say that a man had been in to see him who alleged that he had been told that if he did not transfer from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] would be out of a job. Kirk thought that the individual had valid reasons for not making such a transfer. I told him that I knew nothing about the case but would be pleased to have him investigate it. Harry Reynolds telephoned later to say that he was sending me a memorandum concerning the transfer of three people from Washington to the [REDACTED]

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6. At the Deputies' Meeting we discussed the change in method of CIA operators answering incoming telephone calls and the Director approved of returning

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to our prior procedure of answering "Executive 3-6115", progressively, if possible.

7. I briefed the Director on the status of Project [REDACTED] and obtained his approval to have Larry Houston, along with the General Counsel of GSA, brief the General Counsel to the Comptroller General, as well as the Civil Division of the Department of Justice, on the entire matter.

8. Obtained the Director's approval for the expenditure of \$281,000 in connection with the construction of new houses [REDACTED]

9. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director also discussed a script which it had been proposed that he use in connection with a movie to be made and shown to all employees concerning security. He said that he did not ~~like~~ the script and declined to appear in the movie. Since I had not seen the script, although it was originated by the Security Office (it had been seen by Messrs. [REDACTED] Kirkpatrick, Cabell, and Grogan) I was not in a position to argue with him. Have returned it to [REDACTED] with the Director's decision that he will not participate.

10. [REDACTED] and I conferred with Mr. Beasley, Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Interior, with regard to using the Langley property and, more specifically, concerning the prospects of extending the George Washington Memorial Highway from Spouts Run to the proposed site. Mr. Beasley was not too optimistic about the Department of Interior's willingness to seek funds to furnish this project. I told him that I felt Mr. Dulles might wish to speak to Secretary McKay about the matter. Mr. [REDACTED] is preparing a Memorandum for the Record on this subject.

11. Larry Houston reports that our [REDACTED] project has some competition but that inasmuch as it appears to be [REDACTED] there is no reason why we should be concerned.

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